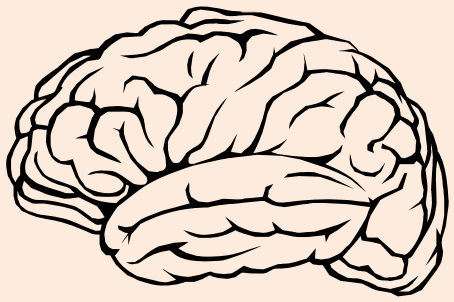


IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING THE CORRECT MINDSET FOR CHILDREN

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

FULFILLING THE PARENTAL DUTY (AMANAH)

Children are a trust (Amanah) from Allah, and parents will be accountable for how they raise them.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you is responsible for his flock." (Bukhari & Muslim)

Instilling the right mindset ensures that children grow with strong faith, good character, and a sense of responsibility.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

PROVIDING THE CORRECT TA'LEEM

Education in Islam is not just about academics but also about spiritual and moral development. The Prophet ﷺ said: "Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim". (Ibn Majah)

Allamah Sakhawi (Rahimahullah) quotes Imam Hassan Al Basri (Rahimahullah) mentioning 'Knowledge acquired in the early years is like writing on a rock'.

Parents must ensure their children receive authentic Islamic knowledge from reliable Ulama/Shuyukh alongside their worldly education so that their understanding of life aligns with Quran and Sunnah.

Without correct education, children may adopt secular ideologies that contradict Islamic principles, leading to confusion and moral decline.

PLACING THEM IN THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT

The environment a child grows up in shapes their values, beliefs, and personality. A righteous environment fosters Islamic values, while a corrupt one can lead to deviation.

The Prophet ﷺ also gave a beautiful analogy of good and bad company: "The example of a good companion and a bad companion is like that of the seller of musk and the blacksmith's bellows. As for the seller of musk, he will either give you some, or you will buy some from him, or at least you will enjoy a pleasant smell. But as for the blacksmith's bellows, he will either burn your clothes or you will get an offensive smell from him." (Bukhari 5534, Muslim 2628)

This hadith emphasizes that a good environment will naturally influence a person positively, while a bad environment will corrupt them.

Parents should ensure that their children are surrounded by good company, Islamic schools, and a community that reinforces faith and morality. Unsupervised exposure to social media, secular schools, and un-Islamic influences can lead children away from Islamic teachings, making them adopt harmful ideologies.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

PROTECTING FROM FEMINIST IDEOLOGIES AND OTHER DEVIATIONS

Modern feminist ideologies promote values that contradict Islamic teachings on family, gender roles, and modesty. This then leads towards atheism.

Feminism encourages rebellion against Allah's divine laws regarding modesty, obedience to parents and husbands, and the family structure. This leads to the breakdown of families, disobedience to Allah, and a loss of purpose.

Instead of adopting ideologies rooted in secularism and rebellion, children must be taught the beauty of Islamic roles and the wisdom behind Allah's commands.
Muslim women are honoured and valued in Islam, but their rights and duties are defined by the Quran and Sunnah, not modern Western ideologies.

Parents must actively teach Islamic gender roles, emphasizing the importance of family, modesty, and submission to Allah's laws while safeguarding children from feminist propaganda.

SHAPING THEIR CHARACTER AND MORALS

A child's mindset influences their behaviour and decision-making. If raised with Islamic values such as honesty, patience, humility, and kindness, they will develop into righteous individuals. The Prophet ﷺ said:
"The best among you are those who have the best manners and character." (Bukhari)

The Prophet ﷺ mentioned 'Whomsoever has three daughters or three sisters, or even only two. He sees to their upbringing and education, he is kind to them and gets them married. For him, there will be paradise'.

Moral corruption is prevalent in today's world, and without proper guidance, children may fall into sinful behaviours such as disobedience to parents, shamelessness, and arrogance.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

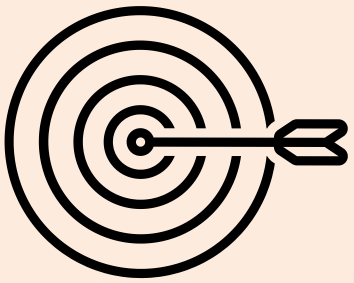
FACING LIFE'S CHALLENGES WITH FAITH

Life is full of tests, and a strong Islamic mindset helps children handle difficulties with Sabr (patience) and Tawakkul (trust in Allah).

"Indeed, We will test you with something of fear, hunger, and loss of wealth, lives, and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient." (Quran 2:155)

Modern ideologies promote self-reliance and rejecting Allah's wisdom, but a child raised on Islamic teachings will know that true strength comes from seeking Allah's help through prayer, Quran, and good deeds.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH



ENCOURAGE A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE

Islam teaches that life has a purpose: to worship Allah and do good in this world.

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me." (Quran 51:56)

When children understand this, they are more likely to be productive, ethical, and compassionate in their pursuits, rather than blindly following the trends of modern society.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

SUCCESS IN BOTH WORLDS

A proper Islamic mindset prepares children for both Dunya (this world) and Akhirah (the hereafter).

Ensuring that everything we do in this Dunya, is a Zaroorat (Necessity) in order to survive, but our primary role is Ibaadah and Khidmah.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "When a man dies, his deeds come to an end except for three: continuous charity, knowledge from which people benefit, or a righteous child who prays for him." (Muslim)

Teaching them about the temporary nature of this world and the eternal reward of the hereafter helps them prioritize their deeds accordingly.

STRENGTHENING THE UMMAH

A strong Islamic upbringing contributes to a righteous and united Muslim Ummah.

Future generations who uphold Islamic principles will create a society based on justice, morality, and faith. Whilst climbing the ladder of success, let it not be that we knock others down along the way. Rather we should help them and be their means of entering paradise.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "The believers, in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy, are just like one body. When one limb suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever." (Bukhari & Muslim)

By instilling the correct mindset in children, parents ensure that they become leaders, scholars, and role models who benefit the Ummah.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH

CONCLUSION

Raising children with the correct mindset, Ta'leem, and environment is a duty that every parent must take seriously. This includes:

✅ Providing correct education based on Quran, Sunnah and the teachings of our pious.

✅ Safeguarding them from harmful ideologies, including feminism and secularism.

✅ Ensuring they grow in a righteous environment.

✅ Teaching them good character, patience, and trust in Allah

✅ Preparing them for success in both this world and the Hereafter.

By fulfilling this responsibility, parents protect their children from misguidance and ensure that they become righteous believers who contribute to a strong and moral Muslim society.

TIPS *for* TARBIYYAH